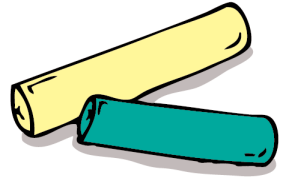


Jumbo Colored Chalk

Make your own sidewalk chalk for added fun!

Materials:

- 2 cups dry plaster
- 1/2 to 3/4 cup cold water
- Empty toilet paper tube
- Water-based paint
- Plastic mixing container and stir stick
- Wax paper or plastic sheet



Instructions:

1. Mix together water, paint, and plaster. Stir so there are no lumps, and plaster is the consistency of cake batter.
2. Working quickly, before the plaster sets, stand toilet paper tube on plastic or wax paper.
3. Pour plaster into tube to top.
4. Let the mixture dry completely.

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Tissue Paper Flowers

A bouquet of tissue paper flowers makes the perfect gift for mothers on Mother's Day. The best part is that they don't need watering and live forever!

Materials:

- Tissue paper
- Pipe cleaners
- Scissors



Instructions:

Cut the tissue paper into 4-inch square and round pieces.

To make the stem for your flower, make a knot in a pipe cleaner by folding the end over by one-half inch three times.

Next, begin assembling your flower petals by pushing a piece of tissue paper onto the pipe cleaner from the non-knotted end. Scrunch the tissue as you thread it down to the knotted end. Continue adding tissue paper pieces and scrunching them as you go. Add at least five tissue paper petals per flower.

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